

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 23, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 8/5/03)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Application No. ST-10-03, York County Planning Commission;
Subdivision Ordinance Amendments per 2003 General Assembly Actions

Issue

By action of the 2003 General Assembly, Section 15.2-2259 of the Code of Virginia was amended to require that the review of subdivision plans or plats *resubmissions* (i.e., those that have been revised in response to an initial County review) be processed and acted on within *45 days*, and not 60 days as under current law. The timeframe for *initial* reviews remains at 60 days.

The Planning Commission sponsored this application to allow the necessary changes to be formally considered. The changes are mandatory and must be incorporated into the County's subdivision review process. The shortened timeframe for review of resubmissions will have to be factored into the subdivision review system administered by the Department of Environmental and Development Services and will stretch the review staff resources thin. This is another example of an "unfunded mandate" that may impose additional staffing costs to the County if review times for other types of development proposals (e.g., commercial or industrial site plan reviews) are to be maintained.

Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission considered this application at its July 9, 2003 and, subsequent to conducting a public hearing at which there were no speakers, voted 7:0 to recommend approval.

County Administrator's Recommendation

The proposed amendments are mandatory and must be adopted to ensure consistency with the Code of Virginia. Accordingly, along with the Planning Commission, I recommend adoption of proposed Ordinance No. 03-32.

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Attachment

- Proposed Ordinance No. 03-32